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CATHERINE BUREAU UJVAULT  
RHS Reply to Request for BAC Checks and Traces

ACTION: JTI

REFERENCE: BONA-88184, 4 March 1966

1. HQS files contain no identifiable information on Charlotte HESBLET [ ] [ ]
2. Our file on Karl HESBEMANN, c KNANN, c KNEVALD, c GANT [ ] [ ] contains the following additional information:
  - a. Prior to 1943 Subject served with Herman KLOCKNER in Organization TOBY.
  - b. BOLA-13430 dated 20 April 1966 states that he speaks Russian and Hungarian and that he is possibly identical with the Abwehr interpreter listed in the German Primer as attached to Kdo Samothrace.
  - c. Extracted information states that HESBEMANN was a driver and mechanic for Organization 13 and for GV A. He later became an administrative executive of GV A and of BV 8. A later notation says that subject was "Registrar of VED/BV-18; until BV 8 was taken over by GV C, he did all the typing, carding, and filing; ... held (or may still hold) a cover position with Akademischer Genossenschaftsverband in Salzburg (GV A cover publishing firm)."

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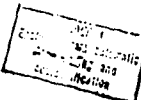
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NOTE: The mission of FKO/UV-15 was the investigation of persons in Austria who were of operational interest to CATINE.

d. An August 1954 debriefing report of an arrested Rumanian Intelligence Service official stated that ESSIEMANN was a candidate for recruitment as a West German informant. In 1953 his frequent letters to his wife Martha (maiden name unknown) and their two sons (who were students at that time) had come to the attention of the Security Police in Brasov where his family was living. The Rumanian Intelligence Service gave Subject's wife a visa to visit her sister, Irma BEISLER, living in East Germany, in an attempt to contact and persuade ESSIEMANN to come to East Germany. Although Subject went to West Berlin to receive a telephone call from his wife, he refused to enter East Germany. Mrs. ESSIEMANN returned to Rumania, where she was employed as a cashier in the cooperative store in Brasov, and applied for another visa. This report also contained background information on Subject. He had worked as a journalist in Rumania after his graduation from secondary school. During World War II ESSIEMANN had been closely associated with the German Police in Rumania and had left Rumania with the German Army. After the war until 1949 or 1950 Subject corresponded with his family from Austria, after that time from Munich. (His Munich return address was a tailor shop owned by Frau TELMANN. ESSIEMANN's family had been residing in the former home of an individual named TELMANN who left Rumania for West Germany.)

e. DQMA-37124 dated 10 September 1954 contained reference to a discussion held with G BEHNHARD who stated that since 1954 when ESSIEMANN's family had moved from Rumania to East Germany (with the permission of both governments), Subject had been contacted several times by mail and had been invited to visit East Germany and East Berlin.

NOTE: There is nothing in the file which explains the variation between G BEHNHARD's information and the information given in paragraph 2 d above.

f. BEHNHARD mentioned that Subject, a Rumanian Volkdeutscher who had been an administrative officer since 1951, was originally thought to be a police official by the Rumanians who later indicated their awareness of his intelligence activities.

g. Carded information lists his addresses as Bad Reichenhall, Rathausplatz 9; Munich 73, Bayernerstrasse 214 (1954); and Augsburg, Daulerstrasse 9 (1954).

h. Forwarded an attachment A is a copy of an unsecured German language report containing information on Subject and his family.

3. Our file on Peter FISCHER  contains no additional information.

4. On Werner GORBRACHT  our files contain the

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## following information:

a. Carded information lists Werner GOEBRACHT, born 24 April 1914, as a journalist. Other carded information states that he is an interrogator in the Hessen area; that he is married to Elfriede (maiden name unknown); that he has three children--Karin, Vermler, and Gerhild; and that he resided at Oberuhl b. Rotenburg/F.

b. BOLA-4280 dated 7 November 1953 gave him address as Frankfurt/Main, Fichtestr. 12.

c. BOLA-8737 dated 28 April 1954 was a report, which Subject helped prepare, on CATIDE knowledge of Heinz GLANKE and his connections with CATIDE. (Information on GLANKE is contained in attachment B.)

d. BOLA-9196 dated 1 June 1954 listed GOEBRACHT, & GOEBRACHT, & Heinz CASPAR, among members of CATIDE who were known to Gerhard KAPANEK.

e. The file on Gerhard KAPANEK, c Hermann KRANKE [ ] [ ] contains a report prepared on 19 May 1954 for Chief, KUBARK, a copy of which is forwarded as attachment B. Additional information is reported in the following documents:

a. PELL-7873 dated April 1954 stated that KAPANEK's mother-in-law and sister were living in the East Zone. His sister's two sons were LCCASOCK couriers.

b. Cabage dated May 1954 stated that Subject was a member of Kribe, the Deutsche Union, and the FDP. They also stated that he <sup>was</sup> dropped by JAVELIN on 18 February 1953.

c. BOLA-353 dated 2 June 1954 stated that KAPANEK was a "Haus der Zukunft employee engaged in analyzing and criticizing anti-Communist propaganda," and that he agreed to help SED Berlin leaders prepare anti-Communist propaganda. It also said that he "is overtly employed in CASBOIT as Berlin representative in OKVEARFOL, and that he is not chief of the Agent Matters Section as previously reported."

d. BRLN-7445 dated February 1954, classified "U.S. Officials Only," stated that CIS coverage revealed that CATIDE received information on 18 February that KAPANEK would visit Peter FISCHER who then resided at Berlin/Neukolln, Silbersteinstrasse 22, on 18 February or shortly thereafter.

NOTE: The file contains no indication that this visit ever took place.

e. Our files contain little but carded information on Kurt LAUB [ ] [ ] who is also listed as Michael HOFFMANN. Two addresses are given--Lauterbach/Hessen, Hainigstrasse 53, and Hartmannswillerstrasse 69, Frankfurt/Main. He was married to Christel (maiden name unknown) and they had two children whose names were unknown. His position was listed as interrogator. One notation reads "Dropped 30 September 1954; received drop pay to 31 December 1954, thru transfer to Sec. 124/V. (See December 1954 payroll note.) To have no other information to confirm that he was dropped. A

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KUTVIN document lists one Dr. LAUBE, born circa 1910, as a German who was reported to have worked at Gestapo Headquarters in Paris. We cannot determine if he is identical.

7. On Gerhard SCHELIFF   we have the following additional information:

a. EGLA-8939 dated 17 May 1954 requested traces on Subject whose address was Berlin/Harlinsborn, Mentigstrasse 16a and who possessed KK # 38264/4b.

b. EGLA-16391 dated 2 July 1954 replied that OSI requested traces on Subject in December 1953 from CIC and MID. It suggested that OSI be checked for further information.

c. EGLA-14578 dated 24 June 1953 stated that SCHELIFF had been a Soviet Lona Source of CATINE and he had been dropped with prejudice.

d. Carded information lists his wife as Charlotte nee KURSCHOV, born 10 May 1913.

8. The following information is available on Theodor SCHEINBERGER

a. EGLA-4030 dated 15 June 1953 stated that Subject was being considered by CATINE for a post with their MEDCAP team.

b. EGLA-8488 dated 13 April 1954 requested a retrace since Subject was being considered for a sensitive assignment. This dispatch stated that SCHEINBERGER was graduated in 1914 from the German Gymnasium in Petersburg. From 1914 to 1917 he served in the Russian Army; from May to November 1918, in the German Army; and after November 1918, in the White-Russian Army working under General STEPHANIE on intelligence assignments. Subject owned the Baltic Cigarette Factory in Berlin from 1922 to 1946. In February 1945 after his Berlin property was destroyed during an air raid, SCHEINBERGER moved to his home in Klein-Kochow, Sedowstrasse. In January 1949 he returned to West Berlin. He was employed under the cover name ELIAT for three months (during an unspecified period) by Headquarters of the 7848 Military Intelligence Detachment in Berlin-Cohlendorf, Sophie Charlottemstrasse 45, as a Russian translator. Subject lived at Berlin-Schmargendorf, Dietersheimerstrasse 11, c/o TRIKER. His wife and son lived in Heidelberg, Buserstrasse 33.

c. EGCA-43961 dated 1 July 1954 stated that he was dropped without prejudice since the mission for which he was employed was completed and his services were no longer required. He was considered suitable for re-employment. SCHEINBERGER held Identity Document DPA 145/272/5. He speaks German, Russian, and French. His description is as follows: height - 180 cm., weight - 165 lbs., grey hair, blue eyes, no identifying marks.

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3. We have the following additional information on cases  
SCHUMACHER, G. BECKMANN, G. SCHMIDT, G. WERTZ [ ] [ ]

a. WGLA-5522 dated 2 May 1951 mentioned that Subject participated in a CARTMAGE conference held at the CATIE school at Backnang, near Stuttgart.

b. WGLA-5534 dated 2 May 1951 described SCHUMACHER as follows: 190 cm. tall, blue eyes, thinning dark blond hair. His home address is listed as Bremerheidstrasse 25, Wuppertal, but he lived in Frankfurt. Since he had been a police official before World War II, he was automatically transferred to the SS in 1934. Probably he is identical with the Sprachlehrer SCHUMACHER listed in the German Primer.

c. The attachment to WGLA-12517 dated 28 July 1957 states that Subject attended a Volksschule and Oberschule and received an Abitur. He was graduated from the University of Law and Economy in 1937. After his war examinations, he attended the Special School for Criminology. Until 1945 when he joined the Abwehr, he was a police official and had held the ranks of Kommissar, Kriminalrat, Regierungsrat and Oberregierungsrat. SCHUMACHER's demeritification in the British Zone was not completed. He speaks English and French.

d. WGLA-7340 dated 19 January 1954 gave Subject's address as Frankfurt/Main, Am Ebelweid 240 (1954).

e. The attachment to WGLA-8561 dated 13 April 1954 listed Subject's address as Wuppertal, Nechelstrasse 53. His wife is Elisabeth (former name LIESER) born 11 November 1913 in Wuppertal. Their (or her) children are Ursula LIESER born 7 May 1939 in Wuppertal and Eckhart LIESER born 24 January 1942 in Wuppertal. SCHUMACHER holds NK & NY IV 762092 s.

f. An extract from WGLA-16077 dated 30 September 1953 stated that Subject, identified as Dr. SCHUBERT, former CX chief of a major CATIE field base, had fallen under suspicion. "His field base suffered most seriously from the long series of arrests of CATIE agents which received widespread publicity in the eastern press during 1943....He, personally, was named in the east press along with his exact job description.... Dr. SCHUBERT was well known to Ludwig ALBERT, who probably provided the Soviets with the material used by them in the Lili Marlene case. The Soviets knew the most ultimate details about him, and the Lili Marlene microfilm directly implied that Dr. SCHUBERT was a Soviet penetration of CATIE." Subject was transferred to an unspecified staff job under the direct supervision of UTILITY, who did not want him terminated.

g. Carded information gives his DPOB as 12 June 1907 in Wuppertal and as 11 June 1907 in Eschik-Gladbach. Under name SCHUBERT his DPOB is listed as 8 December 1907 in Breslau. One notation said that a December 1965 payroll memo reported that "Ab 1.1.56 ist V-7925 (S11/U) nicht mehr auf der Gehaltsliste zu fuhren. Ab 1.1.56 entfaellt die Abrechnung bei Org.-eigener firma."

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